

STATE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary – January 24, 2006

Steve Wamback called the meeting to order. Following introductions, the minutes from the November meeting were voted on and approved.

SWAC Charter – All

Steve Wamback put a motion forward to consider the SWAC Charter (after several modifications) final. SWAC members voted and the charter was approved. A copy is attached.



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SB 5788 – Transporting Recyclable Materials – Randy Martin

In December, Ecology sent out 200+ letters to transporters with registration forms. These folks had until January 31 to respond. Another batch of letters will be sent out in February to non responders. Once the transporter list is finalized, it will be put on the internet. Randy agreed to send the final list of registered transporters to recycling facilities. Ecology also sent 260+ letters to existing recycling facilities explaining that we have them in our system and there is no need to notify us again under 5788.

In addition Ecology sent letters to health departments explaining 5788 and that new recycling facilities are required to notify Ecology. Notification forms were attached to the letters. Local Health departments are likely to encounter new facilities during permitting processes.

Financial Assurance - At this time the department has not made a determination whether or not to amend existing rules (WAC 173-350) expanding financial assurance requirements to all recycling facilities. That determination will be made when the rule is next amended.

Several SWAC members suggested having a sit-down meeting with UTC, DOE, and local jurisdictions to discuss the possibility of doing a rule. Cullen mentioned that we should do as much implementation as we can now (even without a rule). The Solid Waste & Financial Assistance Program just hired a rules coordinator. There are several rules ahead of this one. This will probably be a topic of discussion at a future SWAC Meeting.

Beyond Waste Update – Cheryl Smith

Cheryl Smith provided a status report on Beyond Waste implementation. It contains a few updates from the report that was sent to SWAC members before the meeting. A few of the highlights from the Beyond Waste implementation status report include:

PBDEs

Final PBDE Chemical Action Plan was issued in January. A committee will develop recommendations for end-of-life management by summer 2006.

Mercury

Two MOUs were signed to reduce threats from mercury:

- between Ecology and the Washington State Hospital Association
- between Ecology and the Auto Recyclers of Washington (AROW)

Over 1,800 pounds of mercury were collected in Washington in 2005.

The MOU between Ecology and the Washington State Dental Association ended in 2005 with a 90% compliance rate of installing mercury separators in dental offices.

Moderate Risk Waste (MRW):

A meeting to "kick off" the MRW Initiative recommendations was attended by 62 people from local government, Ecology and various other organizations on January 10, 2006. Ecology staff are compiling the ideas and next steps into an action plan.

Green Building:

Ecology's green building website has been redesigned as is available at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/greenbuilding/>

Organics:

A pilot-scale anaerobic digester has been built at the Washington State University dairy center to use dairy manure and municipal organics to test produce and various organic products.

A state-wide biomass inventory and bio-energy assessment was completed, finding 16.9 million tons of annual renewable organic materials that have the potential to produce energy.

Ecology's food waste composting system is running well, and it diverted 7,800 pounds of food and paper towels between Aug 23 and Dec 31, 2005. The status report is attached.



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SWAC Workgroup on government procurement of environmentally preferable products – Jerry Smedes

One of the key components of the Beyond Waste Plan is for government to lead by example. This includes awareness and follow-through on environmentally preferred purchasing (EPP). Jerry suggested having a meeting with representatives at the table that can identify areas where this leadership is lacking, and brainstorm ideas to improve the performance and leadership of state and local governmental agencies in EPP. Patricia Jatzcak (Ecology Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduction Program) has offered to be an advisor for this new subcommittee/work group. The workgroup roster is attached.



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Legislative Session Update – All

HB 2662 and SB 6428 – Sego Jackson provided SWAC a draft letter to Senator Erik Poulsen and Representative Brian Sullivan concerning electronic products recycling. Several changes were made and Helen Fox finalized and sent the letter out on January 24, 2006. A copy of the letters was e-mailed to SWAC on January 30, 2006.

Litter GMAP presentation – Cullen

A baseline litter study was conducted in 1999 and then repeated in 2004. The results were compared, estimating the amount of litter generated and the composition of the litter. We will continue to use these results to guide litter prevention and pickup.

Currently, Ecology tracks results from:

- Ecology Youth Corps (EYC)
- Community Litter Cleanup Program (CLCP)
- Dept. of Corrections (DOC)
- Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR)



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Attached is a copy of that presentation.

Trucker bottle clip from “The Daily Show” – Megan Warfield

Megan Warfield, Litter Programs Coordinator in the Solid Waste Program, came to share a video clip of her appearance on Comedy Central's The Daily Show with Jon Stewart. In late August, Megan received a call from the show, wanting to know everything about “trucker bombs.” (For the uninitiated, “trucker bombs/bottles” are bottles of urine that are littered along roadways.) On September 20th, a producer, crew and correspondent Samantha Bee interviewed Megan and a trucker at the Federal Way rest area. The piece, “Public Enemy Number One,” aired on Comedy Central on September 27th. To participate in a comedy show that often makes bureaucrats the brunt of the joke was a risk to be sure. But if you can’t laugh at yourself...Ecology research supports the idea of using humor to get an anti-littering message across. If anything, the story definitely raised awareness of the issue, with Megan receiving phone calls and emails from around the country from private businesses promoting products to “solve the problem,” fellow litter crusaders from other states, and friends and co-workers.

Revenue Sharing Report – Gene Eckhart (Gene couldn’t make it to the January meeting—it will be carried forward on the March agenda)

Attendees

Cantrell, Dan – WSRA Dean, Bill – Thurston Co. Durbin, Dennis – Stevens Co. Fox, Helen - Ecology Hansen, Penny - WUTC Hein, Dennis – City of Spokane Hewitt, Lorie – Ecology Horne-Brine, Preston - WSRA Jackson, Sego – Snohomish Co. Jatczak, Patricia – Ecology (presenter) Keller, Pete – Rabanco Koppang, Theresa – King County Large, Dean – Pierce Co. LeMay, Norm – LeMay, Inc.	Lorch, Craig – Total Reclaim Lovaas, Brad – WRRRA Luboff, Chris – Seattle Public Utilities Martin, Randy – Ecology (presenter) Matsuyama, Jim – NETCHD Olsen, Gretchen – Kitsap Co. Schille, Bob – WMI Smedes, Jerry – Smedes & Assoc. Smith, Cheryl – Ecology (presenter) Starry, Art – Thurston Co. Health Stephenson, Cullen - Ecology Wamback, Steve – Pierce Co. Warfield, Megan – Ecology (presenter) Westmoreland, Eddie – Waste Connections
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